

County tax.....\$60,000 00
State tax.....58,131 15
Soldiers' relief.....1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SHAEFER,
J. C. KENNEDY,
A. C. BENEDICT,
M. D. WIGGINS,
JOHN GAULT,

Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Danneffel, seconded by Supervisor Squier, that the report of the committee on finances be accepted and adopted. Carried.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN,

The Board of Supervisors of said county.

Dated at Paw Paw, Oct. 16, A. D. 1909.

To the Honorable, the said Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on general claims would respectfully submit the following as their partial report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed, also that the clerk of this board be authorized to draw orders on the county treasurer for the same:

Name of Claimant	Character of Claim	Claimed	Allowed
Charles F. Howe, Annotations of Statute,	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	
Daniel Spicer, services, court crier.....	174 00	174 00	
A. W. Showerman, expense truant officer.....	59 95	59 95	
W. A. Prater, services and expense as poor commissioner.....	329 20	329 20	
W. A. Prater, services and expense as truant officer.....	58 87	58 87	
W. A. Prater, services and expense as probation officer.....	65 54	65 54	
Mrs. W. A. Prater, services and expense as matron juv. children.....	91 26	91 26	
W. J. Warner, supplies for jail.....	31 75	31 75	
H. C. Waters, " " and ct. house.....	73 85	73 85	
E. D. Sirrine, under sheriff, expense acct.....	298 59	298 59	
West Publishing Co., 6 vols. Mich. Digest.....	37 50	37 50	
Birney Bros., livery for game ward. Welcher.....	1 00	1 00	
M. C. White, services three burials indigent soldiers.....	6 00	6 00	
Elmer Walter, burial indigent soldier, Wm. Pitts.....	40 00	40 00	
Elmer Walter, burial indigent soldier, Richard Harwell.....	40 00	40 00	
Ford R. Wilbur, stenographer's fees.....	917 22	917 22	
W. M. Welch & Co., supplies school com'r.....	22 50	22 50	
O. M. Vaughan, services board poor com'rs.....	59 00	59 00	
Chas. C. Young, labor and material, order sheriff.....	22 20	22 20	
Glenn E. Warner, pros. att'y, expense acct.....	116 89	116 89	
L. P. Walker, treas'r Normal school Hartford.....	150 00	150 00	

F. A. BURGER,
C. S. SHAEFER,
MILAN D. WIGGINS,
A. GAYNOR,
JOHN GAULT,

Committee on General Claims and Accounts.

Dated Oct. 16th, A. D. 1909.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN,

The Board of Supervisors for said county.

Dated Paw Paw, Mich., Oct. 16, A. D. 1909.

To the Honorable, the said Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on justice and constable claims would respectfully submit the following as their partial report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed, also that the clerk of this board be authorized to draw orders on the county treasurer for the same.

Name of Claimant	Character of Claim	Claimed	Allowed
Robert F. Brown, justice claim.....	\$ 4 40	\$ 5 10	
George Bender, constable ".....	9 90	9 90	
W. G. Bessey, justice ".....	39 45	39 45	
Erastus Cone, constable ".....	25 59	25 59	
Alonzo H. Chandler, justice ".....	4 15	4 15	
Gladstone Beatty, constable, ".....	54 86	54 86	
Frank Galbraith, ".....	7 91	7 21	
Alonzo H. Chandler, justice ".....	40 05	39 75	
Roy Hinckley, constable ".....	15 48	15 48	
Chas. D. Leach, ".....	9 50	9 50	
Charles Ford, ".....	5 60	5 60	
T. B. Randall, justice ".....	31 50	30 35	
Fred Leitz, constable ".....	145 15	145 09	
Wm. H. Mason, justice ".....	164 15	163 15	
John S. Waller, constable ".....	4 25	4 25	
Wm. A. Young, ".....	39 65	39 65	
G. A. Ross, justice ".....	12 50	12 50	
Est O. W. Rowland, " and C. C. C. C.....	131 10	131 10	

MILAN D. WIGGINS,
W. H. PAYNE,
S. H. SHATTUCK,
A. D. CONWAY,
MERLE H. YOUNG,

Committee on Justice and Constable Claims and Accounts.

Dated Oct. 16th, A. D. 1909.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on apportionment would submit the following report, and move its adoption:

Townships and Wards	State Tax	County Tax	Soldiers' Relief Tax
Almena.....	\$1,884 25	\$1,944 83	\$ 32 40
Antwerp.....	3,507 94	3,620 66	60 30
Arlington.....	3,006 78	3,103 43	51 70
Bangor.....	3,748 45	3,868 95	64 55
Bloomington.....	2,906 69	3,062 10	51 70
Columbia.....	1,735 92	1,791 75	29 85
Covert.....	1,804 07	1,862 06	31 05
Decatur.....	3,768 50	3,889 64	64 82
Geneva.....	2,024 56	2,089 68	34 80
Hamilton.....	2,425 47	2,503 44	41 73
Hartford.....	4,301 71	4,439 98	74 00
Keeler.....	2,938 62	3,033 15	50 55
Lawrence.....	3,419 72	3,529 64	58 85
Paw Paw.....	6,214 02	6,413 75	106 95
Pine Grove.....	2,024 57	2,089 68	34 85
Porter.....	3,006 78	3,103 46	51 75
South Haven township.....	1,836 14	1,895 16	31 60
South Haven city, 1st ward.....	1,282 89	1,324 17	22 00
South Haven city, 2d ward.....	1,703 85	1,758 62	29 30
South Haven city, 3d ward.....	2,365 34	2,441 38	40 70
Waverly.....	2,164 88	2,234 47	37 25

Totals.....\$58,131 15 \$60,000 00 \$1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. KENNEDY,
ORLO WESTGATE,
F. E. WARNER,
S. H. SHATTUCK,
E. H. SQUIER,

Committee.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN,

The Board of Supervisors for said county.

Dated at Paw Paw, Mich., Oct. 16, A. D. 1909.

To the Honorable, the said Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on justice and constable claims would respectfully submit the following partial report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed, also that the clerk of this board be authorized to draw orders on the county treasurer for same.

Name of Claimant	Character of Claim	Claimed	Allowed
George Bender, constable.....	\$ 3 85	\$ 3 85	
John Whittaker, ".....	7 50	7 80	
J. C. Genung, justice.....	15 55	15 55	
Arba N. Moulton, ".....	21 15	21 15	
Milan D. Wiggins, ".....	2 60	2 60	
Lewis Salisbury, constable.....	2 85	2 85	
Abram Wolfe, ".....	6 80	6 70	
Charles Welcher, ".....	3 74	3 74	
William Killefer, justice.....	335 85	335 85	
L. Myrl Phelps, ".....	156 35	155 50	
H. W. McCabe, constable.....	128 70	128 70	

M. D. WIGGINS,
S. H. SHATTUCK,
A. D. CONWAY,
W. H. PAYNE,
MERLE H. YOUNG,

Committee on Claims and Accounts.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN,

The Board of Supervisors for said county.

Dated at Paw Paw, Oct. 16th, A. D. 1909.

To the Honorable, the said Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on general claims would respectfully submit the following as their partial report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed, also that the clerk of this board be authorized to draw orders on the county treasurer for the same.

Name of Claimant	Character of Claim	Claimed	Allowed
V. R. Hungerford, expense account.....	\$ 86 18	\$ 86 18	
Twp. Pine Grove, nursing Chas. Harmon.....	20 00	20 00	
E. M. Zuver, burial indigent soldiers' widow, Shockney.....	40 00	40 00	
Hawley & Warner, burial indigent soldier, Frederick Earl.....	40 00	40 00	
Arthur Young, burial indigent soldier, Vine Branch.....	40 00	40 00	
E. M. Zuver, burial indig. soldier, L. Drake.....	40 00	40 00	
J. L. Quigley, burial indigent soldiers' wife, Elmira Bacon.....	40 00	40 00	
Hawley & Warner, burial indigent soldier, E. J. Miller.....	40 00	40 00	
Arthur Young, burial indigent soldier, G. W. Peabody.....	40 00	40 00	
Dr. J. E. Maxwell, medical services diphtheria cases.....	45 00	27 00	
E. S. Peterson, antitoxine, diphtheria cases.....	18 70	18 70	
Kibbie Telephone Co., rent and toll, 15 phones.....	216 65	216 65	
E. M. Zuver, burial indigent soldier, John Weber.....	40 00	40 00	
W. A. Prater, expenses board to county farm.....	14 00	14 00	
W. F. Hoyt, M. D., services, order prosecuting attorney.....	5 00	5 00	
Glenn E. Warner, expense detective servs.....	42 65	42 65	
Glenn E. Warner, " " ".....	10 38	10 38	
True Northerner Pub. Co., teachers' examinations, etc.....	5 40	5 40	
Sage & Bailey, livery, game warden.....	37 00	37 00	

F. A. BURGER,
C. S. SHAEFER,
A. GAYNOR,
JOHN GAULT,

Committee.

Supervisor Shaefer made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Conway, that board adjourn to Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Carried.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1909.

Board convened pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by chairman.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read by the clerk and approved.

To the Board of Supervisors of Van Buren county:

Your committee on rejected and charged back taxes for the year 1909, submit herewith the report, and recommend that only that part of the report showing the aggregate amount county, township and village be spread on the journal:

Townships	Amount due Co	Amount due Twp
Pine Grove.....	\$ 1 73	\$ 4 39
Antwerp.....	1 57	11 38
Waverly.....	62 23	18 56
Covert.....	7 33	12 16
Hartford.....	12 37	30 69
Decatur.....	30	5 41
Paw Paw.....	12 04	27 02
City of South Haven.....	4 95	24 53
Villages		Am't. due Villages
Lawrence.....		\$ 8 13
Lawton.....		2 50
Decatur.....		1 13

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. J. DANNEFFEL,
E. E. WALDRON,
E. H. SQUIER,
F. E. WARNER,
H. CRABTREE.

Supervisor McAlpine made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Conway, that board adjourn to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1909.

Board convened pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by chairman.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read by the clerk and approved.

Supervisor Wiggins, chairman of the special committee heretofore appointed to investigate the matter of employment of tramps, vagrants and hoboes, presented the following resolution, to wit:

Your committee, on the recommendation of the committee on prisons and the prosecutor's statement in regard to tramps, vagrants and hoboes, would respectfully report that,

Whereas, The cost to county, including justices' and constables' fees, in the case of such tramps, vagrants and hoboes has become one of serious magnitude; and,

Whereas, The evil seems to be growing, lowering, as it seems to your committee, partly to the fine quarters, easy time and good living afforded by the county, and partly to the vigilance and activity of some justices and constables in apprehending such vagrants, the fees in such cases becoming a considerable source of revenue.

Now, therefore, Your committee recommends the adoption of one of the following plans:

First. That the prosecutor be asked to instruct every justice in the county to sentence all male tramps and vagrants over eighteen years, including drunks and disorderlies, to sixty days or more in the Detroit House of Correction.

Second. That the sheriff secure a vacant lot and a considerable pile of stones and require all prisoners under the above class, who are physically able, to break stone six hours per day, weather permitting.

Respectfully submitted,

MILAN D. WIGGINS,
F. A. BURGER,
C. S. SHAEFER.

Supervisor Wiggins made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Shattuck, that the first recommendation of said resolution, to-wit: "That the prosecutor be asked to instruct every justice in the county to sentence all male tramps and vagrants over eighteen years, including drunks and disorderlies, to sixty days or more in the Detroit House of Correction," be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Supervisor McFellin made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Warner, that the second recommendation of said resolution, to-wit: "That the sheriff secure a vacant lot and a considerable pile of stones and require all prisoners under the above class, who are physically able, to break stone six hours per day, weather permitting," be accepted and adopted.

A yea and nay vote being demanded, the roll was called and the following supervisors voted yea: Kennedy, Warner, Danneffel, Benedict, McFellin, Westgate, Gault, Crabtree—8. Those voting nay: Cleveland, Burger, Wiggins, Gaynor, Shattuck, Squier, Conway, McAlpine, Young, Waldron, Payne, Zeedyk—12.

Yea—8. Nay—12.

Thereupon the chairman declared the motion lost.

Supervisor Wiggins presented the following resolution to-wit:

Whereas, The State Game and Fish Warden, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Section 5,759 of the Compiled Laws of 1897, has appointed in and for Van Buren county two game wardens; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this board, such wardens are not necessary for the enforcement of the laws enacted for the protection of game and fish.

Therefore, we, the Board of Supervisors in and for the county of Van Buren, hereby resolve that hereafter the county game warden shall not receive any compensation from said county, except as hereinafter provided.

Be It Further Resolved, That the game and fish laws be enforced by the Deputy State Warden, who shall collect for his services from the state of Michigan, and who shall receive from said county of Van Buren only the money expended by him for the hire of liveries while in the discharge of his duties in Van Buren county.

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution shall remain effective only as long as there is a State Deputy Game Warden, and if at any time there should occur a vacancy in the office of said Deputy State Game Warden in and for the district of which Van Buren is one of the counties, thereafter it shall be lawful for said Deputy State Game Warden to act only under and by the instruction from the prosecuting attorney, for which services he shall receive compensation from Van Buren county.

Supervisor Wiggins made a motion seconded by Supervisor Burger, that the foregoing resolution be accepted and adopted.

Supervisor Kennedy, seconded by Supervisor McFellin, offered a substitute motion that the resolution be laid on the table. Lost.

On the original motion a yea and nay vote was demanded. Thereupon the clerk called the roll and the following supervisors voted yea: Shaefer, Cleveland, Burger, Wiggins, Gaynor, Shattuck, Squier, Warner, Conway, McAlpine, Danneffel, Young, Waldron, Westgate, Gault, Payne, Zeedyk, Crabtree—18.

Those voting nay: Kennedy, Benedict, McFellin—3.

Yea—18. Nay—3.

Whereupon the chairman declared the motion carried.

The committee to audit the accounts of the county clerk report as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Van Buren county: Gentlemen: Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of the county clerk submit the following report, to-wit:

We have examined the books and files of that office and find that there has been turned over to the county treasurer from the clerk's office the following amounts:

January.....	\$ 113 91
February.....	101 65
March.....	154 54
April.....	110 30
May.....	107 30
June.....	138 50
July.....	108 20
August.....	85 88
September.....	76 96

Total.....\$ 997 24

We also find the county treasurer's receipts on file for the above amounts.

ORLO WESTGATE,
A. D. CONWAY,
J. C. MCFELLIN,

Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor McAlpine, seconded by Supervisor Burger, that the report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Supervisor Young made remarks in relation to G. A. R. monument for Van Buren county.

Supervisor Benedict, seconded by Supervisor Young, made a motion that the same be made special order of business for Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m. Carried.

Mr. Smith, representative of the Eliot-Fisher Book Typewriter, came before the board and made remarks in regard to the typewriter that he desired to sell the county. Said machine being on exhibit in the register of deeds' office.

Supervisor Benedict, seconded by Supervisor Wiggins, made a motion that the board retire and inspect said machine. Carried.

The report of the committee on county building, which had heretofore been laid on the table for consideration, was, upon motion of Supervisor McAlpine, seconded by Supervisor Wiggins, taken from the table and adopted, to wit:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Van Buren county: Gentlemen: Your committee on county buildings would respectfully submit the following report: Your committee has looked over the buildings at the county seat and find them in good repair.

We have visited the county farm and find the buildings in fair shape, with the exception that the most of them need to be re-roofed. We recommend that an addition be built on the south end of the main building of poor house, the dimensions to be as follows: It shall run south 20 feet by 42 feet wide, or as wide as the old building, two stories high, with gabled roof, the lower story or basement to be arranged for a cooler for meat and milk, the west side of basement to be used for a storage room for coal. The upper story to be used for rooms for the inmates, the same to be planned and built as the superintendents may deem best.

The walls of the building shall be built of brick, or brick and stone, 14 inches thick, with two-inch hollow in brick wall, four inches from inside.

Further, we hereby authorize the superintendents